

CARD AT MONCRIEF EVENLY BALANCED

Sand Hill Takes Feature Event. Winning Favorites in Evidence.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 16.—An evenly balanced card was offered at Moncrief this afternoon, and the attendance was fair. Sandhill won the feature event, a purse affair, in which two-year-olds were asked to go a mile. Winning favorites were again in evidence, three of them annexing purses.

First race—selling, two-year-olds, five and a half furlongs. Planities (10 to 1), first; Truette (7 to 1), second; Detect (3 to 1), third. Time, 1:58.1-5.

Second race—\$400, selling, four-year-olds and up, six furlongs—starboard (1 to 2), first; Mark Anthony II. (10 to 1), second; Billy Bodemer (7 to 1), third. Time, 1:14.2-5.

Third race—selling, three-year-olds and up, \$400, six furlongs—Ida D. (12 to 1), first; Nica Stone (3 to 1), second; Eye White (out), third. Time, 1:14.2-5.

Fourth race—purse \$500, two-year-olds and up, mile—Sandhill (13 to 5), first; Antonio (even), second; Adriaan (10 to 1), third. Time, 1:40.3-5.

Fifth race—selling, \$400, three-year-olds and up, mile and seventy yards—Malatone (4 to 5), first; Descombes (1 to 3), second; Arondack (2 to 5), third. Time, 1:46.4-5.

ROANOKE COLLEGE TO PUT OUT QUINT

Team Will Meet Several of Leading Clubs of State.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Salem, Va., December 16.—The Roanoke College Athletic Association has decided to enter the basketball field. This is something new for the college. Mr. Hanks is manager of the team, and he is now busily engaged in arranging the schedule for the season, which will be with the leading teams of the State. Among the quint to be played are the Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Roanoke Young Men's Christian Association, Washington and Lee, Emory and Henry.

The first game will take place on January 14 with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and an interesting time is expected when these two teams come together. Mr. Stonifer, of Roanoke, has been appointed captain of the local team, and there are a number of experienced players in the college.

WILL AWARD LETTERS TO FOOTBALL TEAM

A joint meeting of the alumni association and the student body of Richmond Academy will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the academy building for the purpose of awarding letters to the members of the football team and to elect a track manager as well as a manager for the basketball team.

The men who will receive the coveted letters are Captain Desportes, Trevett, Porter, Cooke, Hancock, Nutter, Harris, Johnston, H. Taylor, Wyatt, Sharpe, Wain, and Manager Todd. At a meeting of the men's board, Trevett was elected captain of the football team for next year. H. H. Hanks, of the academy, will award the letters, and talks will be made by Messrs. Smith, Mason, Gray, and Winter.

Plans for next season will be discussed. W. Seymour and H. H. Harris are candidates for the position of manager of the track team, and B. Scott, A. Campbell, and J. Johnston want to pilot the basketball team. H. H. Hanks, the second baseman of the team last year, is captain.

Death of Famous Player

Nashville, Tenn., December 15.—Star Pointer, the famous player, 155 1-4, and with a record of 2,061-1-2, died late yesterday at Rosewood Stock Farm, Maury county, Tenn. He was twenty-one years old, and was owned by J. A. Murphy, of New York. The hide will be taken off and, with the bones, sent to the University of Chicago.

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Shafts From Sportland

By G. MALBERT

Here's thinking you again, Mather Bradley. It's a trifle early for a Christmas gift, but acceptable nevertheless.

Now comes some of the gentle ones bailing out the face of those of us who were just thinking to know who would manage the Richmond team, and shouting that no other team in the league has as yet signed a manager. Who in the blue cars what the other teams do about a manager? Let the people in the other towns worry about that. But here in Richmond we wanted to be first. First all the way around, and being first is starting the season very good.

But there is one question which will not be asked about Richmond's new manager. The query column will not be filled with inquiries as to his nationality. Why? Patsy Flaherty is his name. And he has blue eyes and the make of the fannies who might want to know.

And will you listen to the nerve of that Norfolk bunch? Start an Eastern Virginia League, will we? Guess not. Sooner buy the Norfolk team and let them play in the league. It's got to come to before anything real will happen. Gee, but they've got a good bunch of sports in Norfolk.

Certainly put Portsmouth in the league. Then Norfolk can go and do anything the Norfolk team want to do. Getting awful boring. This continual spouting of salt water. It nauseates, too.

Oh, for the good warm days of spring, when the grass begins to grow and the ball is out for practice. All the good boys never offered by the first king can't make up for one real, good, close ball game.

Wonder if Turner is really coming to Richmond to wrestle? Seems to me he was here last year and did some wrestling. For the first Virginia Regiment, when Dr. Lawrence R. Price stood sponsor for the mat game. Wonder if Turner couldn't get some kind of a recommendation from the doctor? He should be able to do this, seeing as how he is such a good wrestler. Believe I'll ask the doctor myself, and then point what he says so that everybody can have the news at first hand.

You should have been at the Newport Bowling Alleys Wednesday night and watched the game between the Meat Packers and Engravers. Beside furnishing good sport it produced some of the roiling which Richmond famous as a baseball centre years ago.

Ed Lyons declares that he was not properly quoted regarding Abe Attell. He says that Abe always tried to be on the square. That he looked a whole lot of good boys and found them so easy that he lacked anybody to box with, and that as he had chosen the boxing game as a means of making a living he had to have matches. The result was that he started gambling to relieve his fortunes, and, like many others, lost his money and, fast-dwindling bank rolls, so that he was compelled to agree to letting some of the boys who were willing to face him go a certain number of rounds. The explanation of the fixed fight, Glad to make the explanation, but it sounds like having corned beef and cabbage for breakfast and cabbage and corned beef for dinner.

Big meeting of the athletic association of the Richmond Academy today. Men will receive the letters and a track team and baseball manager to be elected. The last named officers will furnish a pretty fight, as there are several candidates in the field.

Returning to baseball just for a moment, the next thing on the program is to elect together some slugs. Next to the manager those fellows on the mound have the biggest part of the game to play.

gets its money's worth at any rate. It has been wagered on cock fights down here and over the creek. There is no sport in the South these days.

A meeting of the Baseball Writers' Association...

Figures in Diplomatic Romance



COUNTESS LOUISE ALEXANDRA VON BERNSTORFF DAUGHTER OF THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR

The engagement of Countess Alexandra von Bernstorff, the only daughter of the German ambassador to the United States, to Count Raymond Pourtales, attaché of the German embassy, has just been announced. The ceremony will probably be performed in Washington in March or April and will be a distinctive social feature of the spring. A coincidence of the union of interest in the United States is the fact that the mother of the countess and the stepmother of Count Pourtales both were Americans. The wife of the German ambassador and mother of Countess Alexandra was Miss Jeanne Luckemeyer, of New York, while the stepmother of Count Pourtales was Miss Helen Barbery, of New York. The couple met only last March, when Count Pourtales came to Washington as attaché of the German embassy.

LAMBETH NAMED ON COMMITTEE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlottesville, Va., December 15.—Dr. William A. Lambeth, professor of hygiene at the University of Virginia, director of athletics at that institution, and a member of the football rules committee, has been notified of his appointment as a member of the American Olympic committee for 1913. The fifth Olympic games are to be held in Stockholm, in September of that year.

The committee consists of 180 from America, headed by Frederick E. Platt, of Brooklyn, as president, and the following vice-presidents: J. P. Morgan, Edgar Winthrop and George Gould, of New York, and Bartow S. Weeks, of New York.

ST. LOUIS CLUB MAY SOON CHANGE HANDS

Franchise and Plant Valued at More Than \$500,000—Fletcher Jones to Become Manager. National League Decisions Announced.

New York, December 15.—"Ben" Adkins, water commissioner of St. Louis, Mark Ewing and his brother, composing the St. Louis stock brokerage firm of Ewing Brothers and Messrs. Hall and Hodges, prominently identified with St. Louis interests, are the principals in the syndicate which will probably purchase the controlling interest in the St. Louis American League baseball club from Robert Lee Hedges. Adkins engineered the deal, and it was through him that the offer was made to Hedges.

A special committee representing the American League will go to St. Louis within a week to ascertain the standing of the new candidates for membership, financially and otherwise. If it is satisfactory Hedges will be authorized to sell, and the new owners will be taken into full fellowship of the league.

Incidental to the probable change in the ownership, it was said at the meeting of the league that Fletcher Jones would become the manager of the club. Jones is now operating a fruit farm in Oregon, and last year refused to play for Chicago because the money offered was not sufficient. Hedges said today that the syndicate which probably will take over his holdings proposed to put in a winning team—that is, a first division team—at any cost.

It is understood that Hedges values his American League franchise at \$250,000, and his grounds, "Plant," etc., at enough more to bring the total consideration up to a little more than \$500,000.

Nationals Not Through.

The American League finished its business promptly to-day and dispersed, but the National League meeting will continue to-morrow. The purchase of the Boston Nationals will probably be consummated by Saturday.

The National League to-day decided to call all umpires into New York to have their eyes examined. Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, who has been the most active member of the schedule committee for many years, lost that distinction to-day. The league appointed President Thomas J. Lynch, of the league; President Barney Dreyfuss, of Pittsburgh, and Secretary and Treasurer John A. Helder, of the league, as the schedule committee. They will meet with President Johnson, of the American League, late in January and arrange the schedules for two leagues.

President Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati, was re-elected chairman of the National Commission. The National Commission, at its final session to-day, made the following decisions:

Reinstatement refused to Player Dooscher, who jumped his contract with Cincinnati, and who was twice before reinstated after jumping from Brooklyn.

Andy Daubley was informed that the commission would not take his case against the Chicago Nationals if he would withdraw his case from the courts. He refused.

In the case of Elmira, which tried

MEAT PACKERS WILL TACKLE PLUMBERS' STRONG AGGREGATION

Another series of games in the race for the Times-Dispatch loving cup, offered to the winning team in the championship bowling tournament of the Richmond Bowling Association on the Newport Alley, will be played tonight when the Meat Packers go up against the Plumbers. Under the arrangement of the league the Plumbers have not played a game. The men have been practicing, and should the team win three straight from their opponents it would put the plumbers at the top of the heap. For this reason much interest attaches to the games, and a large crowd will be on hand to watch the sport.

Dan McGann, a Suicide

The former captain of the world's champion New York Giants killed himself in Louisville. McGann was been playing with the Milwaukee American Association team.

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Building Inspector Helps Out Blues, and Practice Will Soon Be Resumed.

Neither Major Bowles, nor Sergeant F. W. Gates, of the Blues Battalion, appeared before the Grounds and Buildings Committee last night, for the very good reason that they saw Building Inspector Beck and came to an understanding with him, with the result that the soldier boys will proceed to get guards for the electric lights in the drill hall of the army and also for the windows, after which no more interference will be made by the Building Inspector, and the basketball games will continue.

At the conference between the military officer and the Building Inspector everything was made clear. Indeed, the city official showed the militiamen just how they could, with little expense, comply with his demands. Wire guards will be made and submitted to the Building Inspector for his approval.

This satisfactory settlement of the dispute is greeted with much joy by the soldiers, who are anxious to carry out the basketball schedule and also to hold a track meet. It is expected that within a few days the guards will be placed and practice resumed. Later on the details of the track meet will be perfected.

Athletics Defeat Cubans

Havana, December 15.—The Philadelphia Americans defeated the Havana baseball nine to-day, 6 to 4.

Got One Year, Thred One Cent

L. A. Jackson, who was indicted for malicious wounding, was yesterday found guilty of unlawful wounding and sentenced one year in the House of Correction. He was also fined 1 cent, which carries with it the costs of the trial.

Motion for Judgment

In the case of the First National Bank of Piedmont, N. Va., against A. L. Howe, motion for judgment was docketed yesterday in the City Circuit Court in the sum of \$2,146.37.

FANS RECEIVE NEWS AND ARE NOW HAPPY

Flaherty Already Popular and "Patsy" Pleases Tongue—Norfolk Not at All Ready to Make Concessions—Omohundro Says Roanoke and Danville Must Go.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Let's everybody gallivant to the nearest emporium and down a bumper to the health and success of Richmond's new manager, Patsy Flaherty, late of the majors, if you please. There is jubilation and congratulating and several other varieties of happiness in local fandom. Owner Bradley has made good. He has picked a high class man to take charge of the locals.

Flaherty is a ball player. He didn't do a thing down in the Southern League last season when he worked for Atlanta, but lace the horsehide at a .299 clip. Then he can pitch, too. But his chief forte these days is gardening. Those who have seen him work declare that he is as fast as they come on his feet and can graze 'em out of the most marvelous directions imaginable.

Comes Well Indorsed

Jake Wells, who knows ball players about as well as any one, states that Patsy—nice name, that—is the best talent ever imported to the Virginia League in a managerial berth. Barrows, new head of the Eastern League, is reported to hold the same opinion. That's a brace of opinions hard to get around. But it surely is a fact that Richmond never yet possessed a manager who came with a .299 record with the willow. It looks awfully good, Mr. Bradley, and here's thanking you for this much.

Flaherty's long experience and his associations should make him exceptionally valuable when it comes to picking new timber. He ought to know a number of backslotters, youngsters who can work for a reputation and little money. That's the class from which the Virginia League must recruit, and I believe that Flaherty is the man to do the recruiting.

If memory serves aright there was a Patsy Flaherty on the Richmond team in the old Atlantic League, way back in 1898 or 1899. Jake Wells was the manager of the team, but did not play, managing from the bench. The Patsy Flaherty of those days was a pitcher, a light youngster who would not tip the scales at 150 pounds. On the same team with him were Chesbro, "Sox," Seybold, "Professor," Sammy Leever, "Wild Bill" Donovan and "Kid" Elberfeld. All of these players went to faster company. Chesbro, Seybold, Leever and Donovan went to Philadelphia, while Elberfeld went to Philadelphia. Flaherty, who was a great little pitcher, was taken by Boston. Since that time he has drifted considerably, but has always been regarded as a comer. The old Patsy may or may not be the same man who will manage Richmond, next season, though, but I believe he hand it looks very much as if he is.

Situation in Norfolk

Here's an apology. Yesterday in this column was told a story of the repentance of Norfolk and of a desire on the part of the residents to talk to right. It isn't so at all. They are just as recalcitrant, in fact, more recalcitrant than ever before. Nor have they ceased making demands. Indeed, if the latest is true, they still have hopes of making the Virginia League bow to their most august wish that they will absolutely not come into the league if Roanoke and Danville are in. Just a restatement of the position of Tarville at the last league meeting.

But listen, further, oh, braves, Mr. Omohundro, the man who is now speaking, invites the case clubs to join with him and form a strictly eastern league. He says that there is no reason to continue to support the "Williams League," whatever that is. Now isn't that nice talk? Doesn't it make you feel good? Isn't it just exuding sense and sportsmanship?

Trying to Rule League

It seems incredible that men who are supposedly wise on baseball should utter such a proposition. Certainly the Virginia League will not countenance it. It now appears that Norfolk not only feels that that town controls the destinies of baseball in the State of Virginia, but is the real dictator and must be listened to and bowed to and saluted to and scrapped before. Really, the nerve of some people passes understanding.

Now, people, let's face the question squarely. Norfolk is a mighty desirable acquisition to the Virginia League, but Norfolk is not a necessary acquisition, but neither is that city a necessity. If, instead of spreading a lot of talk about Lynchburg not being able to come across next season with a team, the magnates will get together and try and buy on the present owners of Norfolk, whose sole aim seems to be to keep on losing the few dollars invested in the team, they would accomplish something.

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For many years, certainly for three, the Norfolk team made money. Then all of a sudden, the bottom dropped out. There can be no excuse that it was because Portsmouth was not in the league to help out Norfolk, because Portsmouth was in the league. Now, the reason why Norfolk didn't make money, and some people know the reason. In fact, there are some who have spoken of the reason.

Norfolk Willing to Sell

But aside from all this, the report from Norfolk says that Norfolk will not come into the league with Roanoke and Danville, unless these two teams give a guarantee of \$300 for each series, and that comes from Omohundro. In the same breath, the same man says that Norfolk would be willing to sell for a fair price. Now, why not get together and buy them out? That's the way to do. But call their bluff, whatever we do. Either buy them outright or else tell them what they must do, and if they don't come across, put a team in Portsmouth or in Newport News, or even in Ashland, before allowing the privilege of a directorship. Every one wants to be fair to Norfolk, and the fault is down there if the action taken thus far seems unfair.

Now, in the light of these recent developments, can you blame Bob Williams for not calling on Consolvo and his associates when he went to Norfolk. Williams is no fool, and he was on the right track.

In a letter from W. E. Cunningham, of Danville, I am told that a new set of officers was elected at a meeting of the board of directors of the Danville team held last Thursday night. Each of the new officers has been elected in the place of John W. Bopwell, and John W. Carter, Jr., was chosen secretary, succeeding W. M. Snead, Mr. Williamson also is named. The new officers have been sent all of the old players and to some new ones. Steve Griffith is on the market, and the Danville man suggested him as a possibility for Richmond. Griffith is a good man—out of Richmond. Prospects for Tobaccoville are bright, and the prediction is made already that another pennant is in sight.

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